

I assure you that an unexpected outcome of biased reporting and dis-information is that people are looking to information sources which are honestly objective and have earned the Trust of viewers and listeners. The main stream 'party-line' media has low credibility for those of us who engage in even a minimum of Critical Thinking.

Coverage of the aggression on Iraq it's causes and consequences has been totally unacceptable. The mainstream media did a pathetic job of reporting news about candidates and election realities. Misinformation distortion and bias is NOT objective Information-----it is Propaganda!

How about some Authentic coverage of war profiteering or factual data about genetically altered foods? I think those of us who pay attention know darn well which of the corporations and individuals are implicated here; the very same ones who supported this 'war' and contributed large sums to the present administration. How about some ongoing reporting on the devastating impact of huge federal budget cuts in education, healthcare, veterans benefits, childcare, poverty relief and very importantly, ongoing environmental devastation?

The airwaves legally and ethically belong to the people in America. For a democracy to work, its citizens must be well-informed. Unbalanced coverage by FCC protected media deprives Americans of the information they need to make wise choices. It also has the unfortunate effect of diminishing the FCC's credibility. We are inspired to seek elsewhere than mainstream propaganda for information.

"One of the intentions of corporate-controlled media is to instill in people a sense of disempowerment, of immobilization and paralysis. Its outcome is to turn you into good consumers. It is to keep people isolated, to feel that there is no possibility for social change."

-- David Barsamian, journalist and publisher

....It is precisely because 'We' are aware of this attempt that it is no longer Working. Permit me to suggest that there are more effective and honorable methods of 'protection' which the FCC can render the public.

Any additional consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The corporate owned media corporations have failed to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Sincerely, Demelza Costa